

# BUCKS LEAD DIVIDLES IN

## Cameras roll at Loakes Park

## THE SECOND PERIOD

Dorset and Wilts 21 pts., Buckinghamshire 15 pts.

PLAYING down the slope and into the breeze, Bucks steered into an early lead with a brilliantly taken 35-yard drop goal from F. E. J. Hawkins, their captain, after only 45 seconds of play against Dorset and Wilts last week.

This early success spurred the County side on to producing some of the best Rugby they have played for two seasons. The early season training sessions obviously bore fruit whilst the backs moved well together with Lancaster at full-back frequently joining the line in passing movements.

After seven minutes John Lancaster missed an easy penalty attempt after a Dorset and Wilts infringement, but within minutes linked well with the centres in a good passing movement before breaking outside a winger to take the return pass and score in the corner. He failed, with the difficult conversion on the touch-line.

Bucks dominated the line-outs and gained a lot of ground with good forward rushes. However,

their scrummaging was weak, the front row never really working to good effect, and Dorset and Wilts took several strikes against the head.

Hawkins kicked a penalty after 17 minutes and made the score 9-0. He failed with another kick following a scrummage infringement.

Several good kicks into the box by the half-backs were wasted by the forwards failing to follow up, but the backs continued to work well together

and another good try resulted from a movement that was switched from one side of the field to another before W. G. Morgan (Wasps) scored in the corner. Once again the conversion was missed.

### Failures

In the closing minutes of the first half, Bucks eased the pressure on Dorset and Wilts who came more into the game winning two penalty attempts both of which failed. But they closed the period with an unconverted try, and the two sides turned round with the score at 12-10 to Bucks.

Within minutes of the restart Harvey of Richmond, the Dorset and Wilts full-back, hit the kicking form which was to help decide the game and kicked a 50-yard penalty to make the score 6-12.

Shortly afterwards Lancaster failed for Bucks with a penalty attempt after a great and early tackle within yards of the line after a deserved penalty try.

### Broke away

Dorset and Wilts, now well into their stride, broke away to score in the corner, and Harvey again converted from well out on the touch line to make the score 11-12.

The Bucks three-quarters continued working the ball well along the line although their defensive play was weak and their efforts were rewarded with another try in the corner scored by A. J. Follett (Marlow), which Hawkins failed to convert.

The next Dorset and Wilts try came after 62 minutes. Harvey's conversion being awarded by the referee, after the two touch-judges had disagreed on the kick.

This put Dorset and Wilts in the lead for the first time and they were never to lose it again, scoring another try in the closing minutes against a tiring Bucks side.



## Tonight's big match

## ALLIED COUNTIES SHOULD COAST TO WIN

THE ALLIED COUNTIES start their season tonight (Wednesday) at Loakes Park, when they meet the Army F.A. in a representative game.

This fixture is in preparation for the Berks and Bucks F.A. forthcoming assault on the Southern Counties Amateur championship.

Last season Berks and Bucks went out in the quarter-final round defeated 3-2 by Middlesex. The Allied Counties met the Army in a similar match last season over at Chessham which provided a happy debut for Wycombe Wanderers' Keith Samuels, who snapped a hat-trick in his first appearance for the counties.

The side chosen by the selectors is a strong one on paper and providing the team is not disrupted through injuries should play a 4-2-4 formation.

Wycombe players Barry Baker, Len Worley and Tony Horseman are certain of appearing while Keith Samuels

(above) is nominated as substitute with Julian Laity chosen as twelfth man.

Slough Town have four players in the side: John Delaney, Chris Reynolds, Bobby Hatt and that prolific striker Chris Mullan. Chessham's Johnny Willis is at centre-forward with club colleague David Smith at left-half.

Captain John Ford (Wokingham) leads the team from the right-back spot and the side is completed by Maidenhead's Brian Pitts at right-half.

### THRASHED AT THAME

Thame Reserves 7, Amersham Town Reserves 0. Amersham Town Reserves lost by seven clear goals at Thame in their Hellenic League Reserve Section match on Saturday.

